

THE BEAUTY OF TRUTH.

How often is a stigma cast upon Christianity because the veracity and moral integrity of its professors are so often called into question! Unfair, indeed, you will say, to blame Christianity for its counterfeits; as well may you cast away bank notes because there are some counterfeits of them. Yes, and not only unfair, but looked at thoughtfully, after all an unconscious compliment to Christianity; for the stigma implies that these men are not embodiments of the glorious creed they profess. We turn from the false copies to the fair and Divine Original; how refreshing and stimulating to study his character who came to bear witness to the truth and in whose mouth was no guile! Beautiful words these—"NO GUILE"—nothing even susceptible of mistake, or design to conceal. How clearly he declares, when speaking of the rest of heaven, "If it were not so I would have told you"—implying that truth would have obliged him even to correct their anticipations, if false, as well as to unfold the revelations of eternal life. Think of him in the busy scenes of the market and the temple, sitting at the Pharisee's banquet, and eating at the publican's table, yet ever and always revealing hidden hypocrisy, and interpreting the sincere sigh for forgiveness and peace. True in what he said; true in what he threatened; true in what he promised; true in what he corrected; true in what he revealed.—Sel.

A SHORT TRIAL.

There are persons who can remember wicked men, dishonest men, wilful men, men who were great in ability, in iniquity, in cruelty, in craft, and in crime; men who defied law and denied responsibility, and said, "What are you going to do about it?" But these men are gone; they flourish like a green bay tree, but they have passed away as in a moment; their wealth and honors have departed; their strength and influence are gone, and they are so low that none will do them rev-

erence; so weak that no one fears them or trusts in them.

The lessons taught by God's providences and judgements, and by the events which meet us on every hand is, that "the triumphing of the wicked is short;" and that it takes but a little while to bring the proudest low, and to lay the mightiest in the dust. But the "righteous shall flourish like a palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon." And if we will trust ourselves in the hands of God, walk in his ways, and cast our burdens upon him, he will make us strong and hold us fast, and will cause us to abide the changes and chances of this world, and will establish us forever, when the wicked shall wither like the grass, and be burned up with unquenchable fire, like the chaff of the summer's threshing floor.

RULES FOR HOME EDUCATION.

1. From your children's earliest infancy inculcate the necessity of instant obedience.
2. Unite firmness with gentleness. Let your children always understand that you mean exactly what you say.
3. Never promise them anything unless you are sure you can give them what you promise.
4. If you tell a child to do anything, show him how to do it, and see that it is done.
5. Always punish your children for willfully disobeying you, but never punish in anger.
6. Never let them perceive that they can vex you or make you lose your self-command.
7. If they give way to petulance and temper, wait till they are calm, and then gently reason with them on the impropriety of their conduct.
8. Remember that a little present punishment when the occasion arises, is much more effectual than the threatening of a greater punishment should the fault be renewed.
9. Never give your children anything because they cry for it.
10. On no account allow them to do at one time what you have forbidden, under the same circumstances at another.
11. Teach them that the only sure and easy way to appear good, is to be good.
12. Accustom them to make their little recitations the perfect truth.
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